

Appl. No. : 09/910,477
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REMARKS

In the August 8, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,141,390 to Cova; allows Claims 1-7, 10-23, and 28-34; and states that Claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are filing an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) concurrently with the filing of this response / preliminary amendment. The IDS lists references recently cited in related Application No. 09/910,422.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants have rewritten Claims 26 and 27 in independent form and respectfully submit that Claims 26 and 27 are now allowable and request the Examiner to allow the same.

Rejection of Claims 24 and 25

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have canceled Claim 24 without prejudice herewith to speed issuance of the allowed and allowable claims. Accordingly, the rejection to Claim 24 is now moot.

Applicants have amended Claim 25 to change dependency from Claim 24 to Claim 26. As Claim 25 now depends from an allowable claim, Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection to Claim 25 and to allow Claim 25. In addition, Applicants note that Claim 25 recites "*not* performed in real time," (emphasis added) as opposed to "real time processing" as asserted by the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any of the canceled claims in a continuation application.

New Claim 35

Applicants have added new dependent Claim 35 herewith to further define the invention as claimed. Claim 35 is supported by original Claim 25, and depends from rewritten Claim 27. Applicants request allowance of Claim 35.

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SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections to Claims 26 and 27, to withdraw the rejection of Claim 25, and to allow new Claim 35. Applicants further request the Examiner to allow Claims 1-7, 10-23, and 25-35 and to pass the present application to the issue process.

If there is any further impediment to the prompt allowance of the present application, Applicants request the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney of record at 310 407 3466 or at the telephone number listed below to resolve any such impediment.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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